

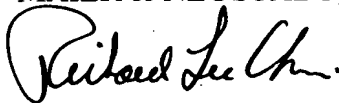
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants wish to thank examiner Weddington for indicating that claims 6-13 are allowable. Applicants have now canceled non-elected claims 14-22 without prejudice to their further prosecution in one or more divisional applications.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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